

Mr. Gareth Leigh

Head of Energy Infrastructure Planning

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East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm

Dear Mr. Leigh,

Thank you for your invitation to provide comment on the responses received to the previous round of consultation which closed on 30 November 2021 for the Application by East Anglia TWO Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the proposed East Anglia TWO Offshore Wind Farm and associated offshore and onshore infrastructure ("the East Anglia TWO project") as outlined in the letter sent to Eastern IFCA dated 20th December 2021.

The role of Eastern IFCA is to lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries within our district, which extends from the Humber to Harwich, and six nautical miles out to sea. As an Interested Party, and considering the project is within those boundaries and may generate effects which interact with inshore fisheries and protected habitats, Eastern IFCA consider it appropriate to provide comment at this stage of the proposed project.

In all consultation responses, the Authority assesses applications (and pre-applications) according to the Eastern IFCA vision and adherence of those same applications with policies detailed in the relevant marine plan, as directed under section 58(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The plans relevant to the Authority's district are the East Inshore and East Offshore Marine Plans. We consider whether proposed developments will have a positive, negative or negligible effect on plan policies related to the IFCA vision to "manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries". These considerations also enable the IFCA to provide advice in relation to the need to protect the environment, the need to protect human health and the need to prevent interference with other legitimate users of the sea.

Eastern IFCA have reviewed the list of documents that Interested Parties have been asked to comment upon. We have identified no content on which we would submit

comments in any of the responses in relation to fisheries, the benthic environment or wider marine environment, other than offshore ornithology which we defer to the relevant Statutory Nature Conservation Body (SNCB), in this case Natural England, for specific comments on this topic.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience should you have any queries regarding the above response.

Yours sincerely

Tom Bridges

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Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

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